

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS ORGANIZATIONAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Tonita Gurule-Giroń

COUNCILORS: Vincent Howell
David L. Romero
Barbara A. Casey
David A. Ulibarri, Jr. – took Council-Ward 1
Seat, once Sworn in

ALSO PRESENT: Ann Marie Gallegos – Acting City Manager
Casandra Fresquez – City Clerk
Danelle Smith – Acting City Attorney
Juan Montano – Sergeant At Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gurule-Giroń informed that Fire Chief Mares would be making an announcement.

Fire Chief Phillip Mares advised the audience members to recognize that the Council Chambers was over capacity and informed them of the Exit locations. Fire Chief Mares asked the audience, if in case of an emergency exit was needed, to please be considerate of the elderly, of the women and to be respectful of others in order to get out safely.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Howell asked for a moment to recognize and celebrate the Mayor’s success and to understand that she has the passion to do the right thing for the community. Councilor Howell asked God for help and guidance in being a good team and Governing Body in order to move forward in the right direction for the community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Casey made a motion to accept the agenda as is. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/CLOSED SESSION

Councilor Howell made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Councilor Howell advised that all subjects of discussion were permitted by Section 10-15-1 of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Howell made a motion to reconvene into Regular Session and advised that only personnel matters were discussed and no action was taken. Councilor

Casey and Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroń asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILOR TO WARD 1

Mayor Gurule-Giroń acknowledged David A. Ulibarri, Jr. and informed that with her recommendation, he would be appointed to the member of the Council, representing Ward 1.

Mayor Gurule-Giroń gave the audience a brief overview of the history and background of David A. Ulibarri, Jr. and asked for a motion of confirmation from Council for David A. Ulibarri, Jr. to Council Ward Seat 1.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve David A. Ulibarri, Jr. as Councilor to represent Ward 1. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroń asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes		

Councilor Howell advised that he respected the Mayor's judgment on her recommendation of the appointment of David A. Ulibarri, Jr. and advised Mr. Ulibarri, Jr. that he looked forward to working cohesively with him.

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Mayor Gurule-Giroń recommended taking a Recess in order to swear in David A. Ulibarri, Jr. into the Office of Ward 1 Councilor.

Mr. David A. Ulibarri, Jr. was sworn into Oath of Office for Ward 1 Councilor by the honorable Judge Christian Montano.

Acting City Attorney Danelle Smith advised that a representative of the Las Vegas Optic stated that the City was violating the New Mexico Open Meetings Act due to people out in the lobby that could not hear the meeting and asked if the situation had been addressed.

Chief of Police Juan Montano advised that there were a few individuals that preferred to stay in the lobby since they had someone in the meeting representing them.

Councilor Howell made a motion to reconvene into Regular Session. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked Councilor David A. Ulibarri, Jr. to please take his seat as Councilor Ward 1.

NOMINATION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Councilor Casey advised that she was nominating Councilor Howell as Mayor Pro-Tem, and stated that he had been a Councilor for many years and had represented his District very well. Councilor Casey added that he was also respected by the community and would do an excellent job as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Confirming the appointment of the City Manager and the appointed Officers as per City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article II, Section 2.07. Governing Body Procedures.

Mayor Gurule-Giroń advised that the appointments would be made for City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk and Chief of Police.

Mayor Gurule-Giroń made the recommendation to appoint Richard Trujillo as City Manager.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the appointment of Richard Trujillo as City Manager and added that he was well respected by the community, was very knowledgeable about water and would do a great job as City Manager. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroń asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Mayor Gurule-Giroń made the recommendation to appoint Herman Chico Gallegos as City Attorney.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the appointment of Herman Chico Gallegos as City Attorney. Councilor Casey and Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroń asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Mayor Gurule-Giroń made the recommendation to re-appoint Casandra Fresquez as City Clerk and commended her for all that she has done as City Clerk.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Casandra Fresquez as City Clerk. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroń asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Mayor Gurule-Giroń made the recommendation to re-appoint Juan Montano to the position of Chief of Police.

Councilor Casey made the motion to re-appoint Juan Montano as Chief of Police and added that he had earned the respect not only from his staff but from the community as well. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroń asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David A. Ulibarri	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Cordia Sammeth, who had previously signed up for Public Input, declined to speak at this time.

Mayor Gurule-Giroń announced that the Ulibarri family had brought a cake, in part of the celebration of the newly appointed Councilor and Officers and added that the celebration would take place after the meeting.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that the Mission and Vision statements would be reviewed or discussed by the Governing Body at the present time or at a later time at a Retreat, if the Governing Body desired. Acting City Manager Gallegos read the statements as follows:

- Mission Statement:

City of Las Vegas progressively enhances quality of life by providing essential services, promoting cultural preservation and economic opportunity.

- Vision Statement:

A unified government and vibrant community developed through comprehensive planning, collaborative partnerships and a commitment to excellence.

Councilor Howell recommended having another meeting or Retreat for further review of both the Mission and Vision statements and added that he had several questions regarding the statements.

Councilor Casey advised that she also recommended further review and revision of the statements and to include discussion regarding marketing and branding.

Acting City Manager Gallegos informed that also under Review/Discussion included:

- Previous Governing Body's Goals and Objective:

- Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan FY 2017-2021

Interim City Manager Gallegos read the first ten priority projects of the (ICIP) - Las Vegas Project Summary.

Councilor Casey made the recommendation of review, discussion and possibly prioritization of the project list with City Manager Trujillo.

Councilor Howell stated that he acknowledged the ICIP as one goal and added that he thought the Governing Body needed to accomplish many goals in the future which included addressing many needs of the community.

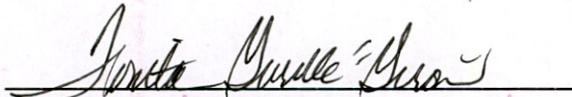
Mayor Gurule-Giroń thanked City Clerk Fresquez and Finance Director Gallegos for their professionalism and expressed her gratitude to Finance Director Gallegos for accepting the Acting City Manager position on such short notice.

ADJOURN

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Howell and Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurule-Giroń asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.



Mayor Tonita Gurule-Giroń

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk